

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

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1. (Original) A method for establishing the concealment order of macroblocks in a rectangular array of having opposed sides, comprising the step of:

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concealing the macroblocks having missing/corrupted pixel values by progressing in a direction of one of the larger of the sides of the array.

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2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 comprising the step of progressively concealing in opposite directions towards each of the two larger sides of the array until reaching a central portion of the array.

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3. (Withdrawn) A method of concealing macroblocks in a rectangular array of N rows and M columns where N is larger than M, comprising the step of:

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concealing macroblocks having missing/corrupted pixel values by progressing horizontally by rows in at least one of a top-down and bottom up directions.

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4.. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3 wherein concealment progresses horizontally by rows simultaneously in a top-down direction and in a bottom-up direction.

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5. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3 wherein concealment progresses horizontally by rows exclusively in a top-down direction.

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6.. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3 wherein concealment progresses horizontally by rows exclusively in a bottom-up direction.

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7. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3 wherein macroblocks in each row are scanned in one of a left-to-right direction and a right-to-left direction.

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8. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 7 where the macroblocks in successive rows are alternately scanned from left-to-right and right-to-left.

1 9. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3 wherein the macroblocks in all
2 rows are concealed from left-to-right.

1 10. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3 wherein the macroblocks in all
2 rows are concealed from right-to-left.

1 11. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are
2 concealed in even rows from left-to-right.

1 12. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are
2 concealed in odd rows from right-to-left.

1 13. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are
2 concealed in even rows from right-to-left.

1 14. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are
2 concealed in odd rows from left-to-right.

2 15. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3 further comprising the steps
3 of:
4 arranging a non-rectangular array of macroblocks having missing/corrupted pixel
5 values into at least two rectangular sub-arrays of macroblocks prior to undertaking
6 concealment, and
 concealing each of sub-arrays independently.